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ARRANGEMENTS

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1. CONCERNING REQUEST FOR MISSION VIEWS ON HOW BEST NOW  
TO PROCEED ON LTDP FOLLOW-THROUGH (REFTEL A), WE CONTINUE  
TO FAVOR THE PROPOSAL WE FORWARDED LAST DECEMBER (REFTEL B).  
THE PROPOSAL RECOMMENDED A FOLLOW-THROUGH PROCESS FEATURING  
A) RETENTION OF OVERALL PLANNING RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE  
INDIVIDUAL LONG-TERM PROGRAMS WITH THE DESIGNATED NMAS/  
CIVIL BODIES (PERHAPS DESIGNATED AS PROGRAM COORDINATORS  
ALONG THE LINES OF PARA 2 OF REF A); B) A FALL REVIEW  
OF ALLIED PERFORMANCE IN IMPLEMENTING AGREED PROGRAMS;  
AND C) A COMPREHENSIVE SPRING EXAMINATION OF RECOMMENDED  
CHANGES TO THE LTDP. REF C OF MARCH 31, WHICH WE CIR-  
CULATED ON TO DSYG PETRIGNANI, PICKED UP THE THRUST OF  
OUR PROPOSALS, AND, AT THE APRIL 21 EWG SESSION, WE  
WERE ABLE TO AMEND PARA 42 (PARA 40 IN THE REVISED TEXT)  
OF THE DRAFT REPORT TO CALL FOR SUCH PERIODIC REVIEW.  
THOUGH IT WOULD HAVE BEEN PREFERABLE, AS MISSION SUGGESTED  
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IN REF B, TO RAISE SPECIFIC FOLLOW-THROUGH RECOMMENDATIONS  
EARLY ON, WE BELIEVE THE PRESENT TEXT OF PARA 40 WOULD  
PROVIDE AN ADEQUATE MANDATE FOR PROMPT DPC ACTION ALONG  
THE LINES OF REFS A AND B.

2. AS NOTED ABOVE WE BELIEVE THAT THE PERMISSIVE LANGUAGE  
IN PARA 40 OF THE LTDP REPORT CAN PROVIDE AN ADEQUATE

MANDATE FOR POST-SUMMIT NEGOTIATION OF SATISFACTORY FOLLOW-THROUGH ARRANGEMENTS, AND WE SUPPORT STRONGLY THE HIGH-LEVEL DEMARCHES PROPOSED IN PARA 3 AND 4 OF REF A. WE WOULD APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED LETTER FROM SECDEF TO SYG LUNS BEFORE DISPATCH. WE BELIEVE THAT THIS LETTER SHOULD OUTLINE THE PREFERRED US APPROACH TO FOLLOW-THROUGH AND ORGANIZATIONAL ADJUSTMENT, WHICH COULD BE EXPANDED UPON BY SECDEF AT THE DPC MINISTERIAL. WE WOULD SUGGEST THAT IT MIGHT BE USEFUL TO SEPARATE US PROPOSALS INTO A) THOSE STEPS NECESSARY TO MAINTAIN THE MOMENTUM OF THE LTDP BEYOND THE SUMMIT, AS OUTLINED IN PARA 1 ABOVE, AND B) THOSE, SUCH AS AN ASYG FOR LOGISTICS, THAT INVOLVE SIGNIFICANT INSTITUTIONAL MODIFICATIONS AND ADDITIONAL STAFFING. THE FORMER, WE BELIEVE, COULD BE AGREED TO FORTHWITH; THE LATTER ARE OF MAJOR CONCERN TO BOTH LUNS AND ALLIES AND WILL, OF NECESSITY, REQUIRE LONGER DELIBERATION. WE SHOULD NOT HOLD-UP THE VERY TIME SENSITIVE FOLLOW-THROUGH ARRANGEMENTS PENDING APPROVAL OF THE LONGER-TERM ORGANIZATIONAL ISSUES.

3. WE WOULD ALSO WORK WITH THE IS TO INSURE THAT THE DECISION SHEET FOR THE SUMMIT INCLUDES LANGUAGE PROVIDING AN ADEQUATE MANDATE FOR POST-SUMMIT NEGOTIATION OF SATISFACTORY FOLLOW-THROUGH ARRANGEMENTS. BENNETT

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